

Nicole O'Connell

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Certifications

- Supervisor, State of New Jersey
- Reading Specialist, State of New Jersey
- Elementary Education K-5, State of New Jersey

Education

New Jersey City University, Jersey City NJ

Master of Arts in Literacy Education

Graduated with Honors, May 2013

Montclair State University, Montclair NJ

Bachelor of Arts in Family & Child Studies/Early and Middle Childhood

Graduated with Honors: January 2007

Specialties

- Strong Leadership & Communication Skills
- Professional Development Workshops
- Literacy Diagnostic Assessments
- Balanced Literacy
- Guided Reading/Fountas & Pinnell
- Words Their Way/Word Study
- Daily 5/Centers
- Orton Gillingham

Leadership Experiences

Team Leader

- Organize and facilitate grade level meetings and initiatives
- Collaborate in vertical articulation meetings with principal and K-5 teachers

New Teacher Mentor

- Provide feedback and support on district and educational policies
- Provide guidance and advice about instructional goals (i.e.:professional development plans, data and assessment on student progress)
- Monitor and observe classroom management and teaching practices

Professional Development & Workshops

- Implemented and organized *Professional Learning Communities* in Daily 5
- Implemented, designed, and led the *Family Literacy Night Workshop Series* at School 13
- Developed and demonstrated *RAZ Kids* training, a web-based that provides leveling and data collection, to over 100+ district wide kindergarten and first grade teachers
- Developed and successfully executed the hands-on *Daily 5* literacy program training for over 50+ district-wide first grade teachers
- Created *Goal Setting & Study Skills* Workshop with focus on growth mindset & motivation

Literacy Curriculum & Initiatives

- Established procedures to organize and maintain literacy curriculum materials within the school's book room
- Selected and ordered leveled texts appropriate for early readers that coordinates with Common Core and district goals
- Collaborated in Curriculum Committees for language arts such as green cards and pacing

Teaching Experiences

Private Literacy Tutor, self

September 2012- current

- Administer and analyze a variety of diagnostic literacy assessments in letter recognition, phonics and phonemic awareness, word recognition, fluency, and comprehension.
- Create and implement intervention plan/lessons based on student's specific and individual needs

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- **First Grade Teacher, School # 13** **June 2010- current**
 - Cultivate and establish a positive, student-centered classroom environment to support a diverse group of 22+ students' individual social, emotional, and academic needs
 - Assess students' using a variety of formal/informal literacy assessments and running records
 - Utilize data and target student instruction using a variety of flexible grouping strategies
 - Instruct students' using small reading and writing groups
 - Communicate to families learning expectations, strategies, and child's progress and development through progress reports, report cards, letters, emails, and a variety of additional resources
 - Implement and document intervention strategies and success rates for behavior and academics (IEP, I&RS, CST)
 - Collaborated in Curriculum Committees for language arts and science
- **Summer School K & 2 Teacher, School #17** **Summer 2010- 2015**
 - Provide RTI instruction for Title I students in grade level language arts and math skills
- **Saturday Academy, 3rd grade Math Teacher, School #11** **Fall/Winter 2009- 2013**
 - Provide RTI instruction for Title I students in grade level math skills
 - Teach testing taking strategies and problem solving skills for NJASK Test Prep
- **Kindergarten Teacher, School #13** **September 2007- June 2010**
 - Collaborated in Curriculum Committees for math
- **Third Grade TTR, School #3** **February 2007- June 2007**

Professional Organizations

- Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal- Clinical Faculty Member
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- International Literacy Association
- National Education Association Membership
- New Jersey Education Association
- Clifton Teachers' Association